



Restoration

July 11, 2021

Here Is Our King • Matthew 18:12-35 • Message 20

PRAY • THE KING WE NEVER WANTED! • WELCOMES ENEMIES, CHEERS FOR LOSERS • POWER FOR THE LOWLY
WE WANT TO RECEIVE GRACE, BUT NOT OFFER IT • OVERLAP FROM LAST WEEK

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12-14 • BRIDGE • LOVING THE LOWLY • RESTORING THE LOST • HELPING THEM UP MEANS THEY FELL

Recipe for Restoration

15-17 • MISUNDERSTOOD & MISAPPLIED • NOT ABOUT CONFLICT • NOT REASON TO BLAME

1. It applies if a fellow **BELIEVERS SINS** (and I know of it).
NOT PERSONALITY, OPINIONS, TONE, DISAGREEMENT, OR ABOUT UNBELIEVERS
2. "When you _____, that was a sin because _____ says _____."
THIS IS ABOUT THE BIBLE NOT YOUR OPINION
3. I try up to three times: **ME, WITNESSES**, the **CHURCH**.
A WITNESS KNOWS THEM, THE ACTION, THE SCRIPTURE • WHY WE NEED MEMBERSHIP
4. They should listen: **RECEIVE, CONFESS, REPENT**.
5. If they ever do, I **REJOICE**; otherwise, I **RELEASE**.
TREAT THEM AS THEY ARE! • HOW DOES JESUS WANT US TO TREAT TAX COLLECTORS OR UNBELIEVERS?
NOT FOR NON-SINS • NOT A REASON TO BLAME OTHERS • "YOU TALKED TO SOMEONE ELSE?" • RESTORATION!
Jesus wants us to be agents of **RESTORATION**.

Forgiveness

18-20 • IN CONTEXT • BIND/LOOSE OR HOLD/FORGIVE • BECAUSE OF JESUS' PRESENCE, WE HAVE THE
COLLECTIVE AUTHORITY TO DECLARE A PERSON FORGIVEN! • KEYS TO THE KINGDOM • 21-22

If the sin is against me,

I should **JUST FORGIVE**, every time.

SHOULD I JUST TRUST THEM AGAIN? • TRUST ≠ FORGIVENESS • FORGIVENESS IS DEBT • 23-35

1 TALENT = 6000 DENARII = 6000 * 200 = \$1.2M • 10,000 = \$12B!! • WHY WON'T HE FORGIVE? • 26-28
ILL: DESIRE TO PROVE "I'M NOT A LOSER" • \$1000 WON'T PAY THE DEBT, BUT IT WILL MAKE ME LOOK BETTER

I can't forgive until I **RECEIVE FORGIVENESS**.

ILL: JASON NORRIS • ADMIT I'M A LOSER

Take it Home

MATTHEW 18:35 • MATTHEW 6:14-15 • MATTHEW 5:3

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